

## Minutes

### **Judicial Education Committee Meeting March 12, 2004-- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. National City Center, Room 1071**

1. **Committee Members present:** Earl Penrod, Ted Boehm, Steve David, Bob Freese, Jane Magnus-Stinson, Doug Morton, Barbara Harcourt, Barbara Collins, Jim Williams, Mike Witte.
2. **Staff present:** Jane Seigel, Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, and Anne Jordan.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes from the January retreat were approved.
4. **Review of the Spring Judicial College:** The course registration numbers were handed out. So far, there appears to be good attendance at every course. The format of the conference allows participants to be more of a 'consumer'—with a variety of courses to choose among.
5. **Recommendation from the Commission on Race and Gender:** A letter from the Chief Justice to the co-chairs of the Race and Gender Commission was handed out. The letter contains many recommendations, one of which is to offer topics addressing race and gender issues at all judicial conferences. The committee discussed the value of separate programs addressing these issues as well as building them into general education courses, particularly ethics courses. The issue of diversity on faculty was also discussed.
6. **September Conference.** A handout of potential topics was provided. Other suggestions: how to get judges more involved in pro bono work; the special problems in acting as a Special Judge; judicial ethics course that focuses on what a judge can do in the community, rather than on what a judge cannot do; new U.S. Supreme Court case on cross examination; inviting the gubernatorial candidates; and constitutional law courses—one U.S., one Indiana.
7. **Topic for Winter Program:** The Winter Program is December 10, 2004, following the pre-bench orientation on December 8-9. The committee agreed to focus the conference on diversity and equal access to justice.
8. **January Retreat follow up:** The IJC staff intends to pursue the idea of "road trips" to talk to judicial officers around the state about judicial education. It was suggested that this could also be accomplished during the District Meetings. List serves are possible with the current technology. Jane Seigel will discuss this further with Lilia Judson at State Court Administration. Chair Penrod will discuss subcommittee structure at the next meeting.
9. **The next meeting is Friday, May 21, 2004, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., at the Indiana Judicial Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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